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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3), applicants hereby petition the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office for a three-month(s) extension of time to respond to the Examiner's Action dated October 5, 2005.

The Director is authorized to charge the following fee to Deposit Account No. 50-0725:

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- [] \$450.00 for response within second month (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(2));
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- [] \$1,590.00 for response within fourth month (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(4));
- [] \$2,160.00 for response within fifth month (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(5)).

The Director is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 in connection with the paper(s) transmitted herewith, or to credit any overpayment of same, to Deposit Account No. 50-0725, reference VPI/02-110 US. A duplicate copy of this Petition is transmitted herewith.

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